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## Resources enhance school safety

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster today announced several safe schools resources available to educators and administrators throughout Wisconsin.

“In his recent proclamation declaring Oct. 21-27 to be Wisconsin’s Safe Schools Week, Gov. Jim Doyle recognized the safe schools work offered by the Department of Public Instruction,” noted Burmaster. “These events and resources are helping schools around Wisconsin maintain a safe and positive environment.”

The webcast, “Exercising and Training Your School Crisis Plan,” debuts Oct. 16. The latest in the “School Crisis Preparedness Monthly Webcasts” series produced by the DPI, the Office of Justice Assistance, the Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and the Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness. The series has been produced in response to requests from the education community. Next month’s installment, “Creating a Positive School Climate,” debuts Nov. 20.

Both webcasts go live at 11:15 AM on the day of release. To view them then, go to <http://media2.wi.gov/dpi/catalog/> and click on the title of the webcast. All webcasts in the series remain archived online and may be viewed by visiting <http://media2.wi.gov/dpi/catalog/> and clicking on “Student Services/Prevention and Wellness” in the left column menu.

“Schools have a responsibility to prevent and plan for crises not just affecting students and staff, but also the community as a whole,” said Burmaster. “Schools are important partners in county and community emergency management plans.”

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That message will be emphasized by presenters at the School Crisis Preparedness Conferences, which will be held around Wisconsin throughout October:

Oct. 2	Waukesha
Oct. 10	Madison
Oct. 18	Wausau
Oct. 23	Eau Claire
Oct. 30	Green Bay

These gatherings will feature hands-on exercises to improve school crisis prevention, intervention, response and recovery efforts. The School Crisis Preparedness Conference is supported by the Office of Justice Assistance, Homeland Security and Citizen Corps Programs and the DPI. More information, a schedule of when and where the conferences will be held, and a registration form can be found at <http://oja.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=12013&locid=97>.

Use of the DPI's *Bullying Prevention Curriculum*, which was released earlier this year, continues to increase. Each of Wisconsin's Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs) now has a DPI-certified staff member able to train educators in using the curriculum, and the CESAs have begun holding training sessions around the state.

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